

Resolution

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Declaring the City of Minneapolis a Co-Sponsor of Four Open Streets Events in 2013

Whereas, Open Streets events have temporarily open a street up for families to walk, bike, skateboard, dance and more by closing the street to motorized traffic on a Saturday or Sunday, all at no charge to participants; and,

Whereas, Minneapolis has held three very successful Open Streets events, on Lyndale Avenue South in June of 2011 and 2012 and Lowry Avenue North in September of 2012; and,

Whereas, in 2011, an estimated 5,000 people attended the inaugural event on Lyndale Avenue and in 2012, estimated attendance increased to 10,000 people; and,

Whereas, in August, the City of Minneapolis in a letter signed by Mayor Rybak, Council President Johnson, Council Vice President Lilligren, and Council Member Gordon applied for a \$50,000 grant from the Partnership for a Healthier America (PHA) to organize four Open Streets events in 2013; and,

Whereas, the PHA has chosen Minneapolis as one of ten cities in the US to receive the grant, which covers the costs of organizing Open Streets events but does not cover related public infrastructure such as barricades, traffic direction, and signage; and,

Whereas, public infrastructure costs have been the largest costs borne by Open Streets events to date; and,

Whereas, in the application to the PHA, Minneapolis proposed to organize four Open Streets events in 2013, on corridors in the northeast and southeast quadrants of Minneapolis in addition to the existing Lyndale Ave S and Lowry Ave N routes; and,

Whereas, Open Streets events make progress on many City goals, including A Safe Place to Call Home, Jobs & Economic Vitality, Livable Communities, Healthy Lives, Many People, One Minneapolis, Eco-Focused, and A City that Works; and,

Whereas, Open Streets events also help achieve multiple adopted City policy goals in areas including health (obesity reduction), environment (air quality improvement), economic development (strengthening commercial corridors), transportation (non-motorized modal shift) and culture and placemaking; and,

Whereas, many other major cities in the US sponsor Open Streets-style events, and the most successful and sustainable events are collaborations between local government and nonprofit partners; and,

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That the City of Minneapolis hereby declares that four Open Streets events in 2013, one per quadrant of the city, are officially sponsored City events.

Be it Further Resolved that the City Council of the City of Minneapolis hereby authorizes the Department of Public Works and Police Department to provide in-kind services for four Open Streets events in 2013, up to \$50,000. These in-kind services are to include traffic direction, barricades, garbage and recycling service, and traffic detour and parking signage.